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REFS: (A) AIRCOMM (NICKS/BULLION) APRIL 12, 1978;
(B) STATE 96676; (C) SEOUL 3170.

1. DETAILED BACK-UP MATERIAL ENCLOSED WITH REF A WAS NOT AVAILABLE IN WASHINGTON AT THE TIME REF B WAS SENT. IN VIEW OF THE OFFICIAL NATURE OF USDA DATA, USDA IS SATISFIED WITH ITS CONCLUSION EXPRESSED IN REF B. HOWEVER, USDA IS WILLING TO AGAIN STUDY INFORMATION FROM SWAK/EPB, AND WILL ALSO AUDIT FIGURES FROM AMERICAN COTTON SUPPLIERS AS SUBMITTED UNDER SECTION 812, AGRICULTURAL ACT OF 1970, AS AMENDED.

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2. AS SOON AS THESE ACTIONS ARE COMPLETED, WE WILL INFORM YOU. MEANWHILE, SUGGEST THAT YOU ASK ROKG OFFICIALS TO REVIEW TONNAGE OF THEIR WHEAT REQUEST AND DETERMINE QUANTITY OF CORN DESIRED.

3. ON BROADER SUBJECT OF LONG-TERM SUPPLY, AND IN CONTEXT OF PROPOSED KIM JAE-IK VISIT (REF C), YOU SHOULD BE

AWARE THAT USDA IS IN THE PROCESS OF STUDYING PL 480 USE IN THE GLOBAL CONTEXT OF PL 480 AND CCC CREDITS. WE EXPECT THIS PROCESS TO TAKE SEVERAL MORE WEEKS. MOREOVER, GSM HARRISON WILL BE OUT OF TOWN UNTIL MAY 15. SINCE WE FEEL IT IMPORTANT KIM MEET WITH HIM, YOU SHOULD EXPLORE POSSIBILITY OF KIM DELAYING WASHINGTON PORTION OF VISIT UNTIL THAT TIME.

4. WE AGREE THAT KIM VISIT COULD BE USEFUL AND WE ARE PREPARED TO ARRANGE APPOINTMENTS TO MAKE IT FRUITFUL. WE HAVE ALREADY BEEN IN TOUCH WITH KOREAN EMBASSY ON

THIS AND WILL FULLY COORDINATE. CONTROL OFFICER WILL BE BLAINE PORTER.

5. PLEASE ADVISE IF LATER VISIT BY KIM POSSIBLE, BUT WE STAND READY TO ACCOMMODATE MAY 1-3 DATES. CHRISTOPHER

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